

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

requesting, with a peripheral device via a communications network connected to the peripheral device, identity of a plurality of suppliers for at least one consumable for the peripheral device;

receiving, at the peripheral device via the communications network, information identifying a plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable in response to the request; and

indicating, with the peripheral device, one of the identified plurality of suppliers to submit an order for the at least one consumable to the indicated supplier based on the received information, via the communication network,

wherein the received information further comprises information identifying a quantity of the at least one consumable at each of the identified plurality of suppliers, and the method further comprising the step of displaying or printing each identified quantity of the at least one consumable.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising indicating, at the peripheral device, when replacement of at least one of the consumables in the peripheral device is recommended, wherein the request is based on the indication of the recommended replacement.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 31, further comprising retrieving information about the peripheral device making the request, wherein the identifying the plurality of suppliers is based on the retrieved information.

4. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:

requesting, with a peripheral device via a communications network connected to the peripheral device, an identity of at least one supplier for at least one consumable for the peripheral device;

receiving the request,

retrieving information about the peripheral device making the request;

identifying the at least one supplier for the at least one consumable based on the received request;

receiving, at the peripheral device via the communications network, information identifying at least one supplier for the at least one consumable based on the request; and

indicating, with the peripheral device, the identified at least one supplier,

wherein the retrieved information about the peripheral device identifies a location of the peripheral device, and the identifying the at least one supplier is based on the identified location of the peripheral device.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the received information further comprises information identifying a price of the at least one consumable at each of the identified plurality of suppliers, and the method further comprising the step of displaying or printing each identified price of the at least one consumable.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the received information further comprises information identifying a location of each of the identified plurality of suppliers, and the method further comprising the step of displaying or printing each location of the identified plurality of suppliers.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

processing the submitted order; and

supplying the at least one consumable for the peripheral device.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the processing the submitted order further comprises receiving a payment for the at least one consumable.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions for shopping for at least one consumable for a peripheral device which, when executed by at least one processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of:

requesting, with a peripheral device via a communications network connected to the peripheral device, identity of a plurality of suppliers for at least one consumable for the peripheral device;

receiving, at the peripheral device via the communications network, information identifying a plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable in response to the request; and

indicating, with the peripheral device, one of the identified plurality of suppliers to submit an order for the at least one consumable to the indicated supplier based on the received information, via the communication network,

wherein the received information further comprises information identifying a quantity of the at least one consumable at each of the identified plurality of suppliers, and further comprising the step of displaying or printing each identified quantity of the at least one consumable.

12. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, further comprising indicating, at the peripheral device, when replacement of at least one of the consumables in the peripheral device is recommended, wherein the requesting is based on the indication of the recommended replacement.

13. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 32, further comprising retrieving information about the peripheral device making the request, wherein the identifying the plurality of suppliers is based on the retrieved information.

14. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions for shopping for at least one consumable for a peripheral device which, when executed by at least one processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of:

requesting, with a peripheral device via a communications network connected to the peripheral device, an identity of at least one supplier for at least one consumable for the peripheral device;

receiving the request,
retrieving information about the peripheral device making the request;
identifying the at least one supplier for the at least one consumable
based on the received request;

receiving, at the peripheral device via the communications network,
information identifying at least one supplier for the at least one consumable based on the
request; and

indicating, with the peripheral device, the identified at least one
supplier,

wherein the retrieved information about the peripheral device identifies
a location of the peripheral device, and the identifying the at least one supplier is based on the
identified location of the peripheral device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, wherein
the received information further comprises information identifying a price of the at least one
consumable at each of the identified plurality of suppliers, and further comprising the step of
displaying or printing each identified price of the at least one consumable.

17. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, wherein
the received information further comprises information identifying a location of each of the
identified plurality of suppliers, and further comprising the step of displaying or printing each
location of the identified plurality of suppliers.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, further
comprising:
processing the submitted order; and
supplying the at least one consumable for the peripheral device.

20. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 19, wherein the processing the submitted order further comprises receiving a payment for the at least one consumable.

21. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a requesting system that requests, with a peripheral device via a communications network connected to the peripheral device, identity of a plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable for the peripheral device;

a receiving system of the peripheral device that receives, via the communications network, information identifying a plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable in response to the request;

an indication system, with the peripheral device, that indicates one of the identified plurality of suppliers; and

an ordering system, with the peripheral device, for submitting an order for the at least one consumable to the indicated supplier based on the received information, via the communication network,

wherein the received information identifies a quantity of the at least one consumable at each of the identified plurality of suppliers, wherein the indication system indicates the identified quantity of the at least one consumable.

22. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, further comprising an indication system that indicates at the peripheral device when replacement of one or more of the consumables in the peripheral device is recommended, wherein the request by the requesting system is based on the indication of the recommended replacement.

23. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 33, further comprising a retrieval system that retrieves information about the peripheral device making the request, wherein the identification system identifies the plurality of suppliers based on the retrieved information.

24. (Withdrawn) A system comprising:

a requesting system that requests, with a peripheral device via a communications network connected to the peripheral device, an identity of at least one supplier for at least one consumable for the peripheral device;

an identification system for receiving the request and identifying the at least one supplier for the at least one consumable based on the request;

a retrieval system that retrieves information about the peripheral device making the request, wherein the identification system identifies the at least one supplier based on the retrieved information;

a receiving system of the peripheral device that receives, via the communications network, information identifying at least one supplier for the at least one consumable based on the request; and

an indication system, with the peripheral device, that indicates the identified at least one supplier,

wherein the retrieved information about the peripheral device identifies a location of the peripheral device, and the identification system identifies the at least one supplier based on the identified location of the peripheral device.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, wherein the received information further comprises information identifying a price of the at least one consumable at each of the identified plurality of suppliers, and the indication system indicates each identified price of the at least one consumable.

27. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, wherein the received information further comprises information identifying locations of the identified plurality of suppliers, and the indication system indicates the locations of the identified plurality of suppliers.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, further comprising an order processing system for processing the submitted order for the at least one consumable for the peripheral device.

30. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 29, wherein the processing system processes a payment for the at least one consumable.

31. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, comprising:
receiving the request, and
identifying the plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable based on the received request.

32. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, comprising:
receiving the request, and
identifying the plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable based on the received request.

33. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, comprising an identification system for receiving the request and identifying the plurality of suppliers for the at least one consumable based on the request.

34. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising at least one of displaying said received identification information and printing said received identification information.

35. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, further comprising at least one of displaying said received identification information and printing said received identification information.

36. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, wherein the system comprises at least one of a display for displaying received identification information and a printer for printing received identification information.

37. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the peripheral device is a device selected from a printer, a copy machine, and a facsimile machine.

38. (Previously Presented) The medium as set forth in claim 11, wherein the peripheral device is a device selected from a printer, a copy machine, and a facsimile machine.

39. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 21, wherein the peripheral device is a device selected from a printer, a copy machine, and a facsimile machine.